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MATERIALS IN INCOMING MAIL STREAM

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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AMENDEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 5, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the December 5, 2005 Final Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due March 5, 2006 and this initial response is filed before two months after the mailing of the Final Office Action. See MPEP 714.13. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the claims; and
2. Remarks.